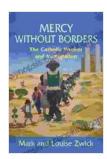
# Mercy Without Borders: The Catholic Worker and Immigration

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In recent years, the Catholic Worker Movement has been at the forefront of the fight for immigration reform. The movement's members have provided sanctuary to undocumented immigrants, lobbied for humane immigration policies, and spoken out against the Trump administration's family separation policy. This article will explore the history of the Catholic Worker Movement's work with immigrants, the challenges that the movement faces, and the impact that the movement has had on the lives of immigrants.

#### A History of the Catholic Worker Movement and Immigration

The Catholic Worker Movement was founded in 1933 by Dorothy Day and Peter Maurin. The movement's mission is to "live in accordance with the Gospel and to work for a just and peaceful world." From its earliest days, the Catholic Worker Movement has been committed to serving the poor and homeless.

In the 1930s, the Catholic Worker Movement began to work with immigrants who were fleeing the Great Depression and the rise of fascism in Europe. The movement provided food, shelter, and clothing to immigrants, and it also helped them to find jobs and housing.

In the 1950s and 1960s, the Catholic Worker Movement continued to work with immigrants, but the movement's focus shifted to undocumented immigrants from Mexico and Central America. The movement provided sanctuary to undocumented immigrants, and it also lobbied for humane immigration policies.

In the 1980s and 1990s, the Catholic Worker Movement continued to work with undocumented immigrants, and the movement also began to work with refugees from Central America and Africa. The movement provided sanctuary to refugees, and it also lobbied for humane asylum policies.

In the 2000s and 2010s, the Catholic Worker Movement continued to work with undocumented immigrants and refugees. The movement also began

to work with immigrants who were being detained by the U.S. government. The movement provided legal representation to detained immigrants, and it also lobbied for the release of detained immigrants.

Today, the Catholic Worker Movement continues to work with immigrants and refugees. The movement provides food, shelter, clothing, and legal representation to immigrants and refugees. The movement also lobbies for humane immigration and asylum policies.

#### The Challenges that the Catholic Worker Movement Faces

The Catholic Worker Movement faces a number of challenges in its work with immigrants. One challenge is the lack of resources. The movement relies on donations from individuals and churches, and it often has to turn away immigrants and refugees due to lack of space and resources.

Another challenge that the Catholic Worker Movement faces is the hostility of the government. The Trump administration has made it more difficult for immigrants to enter the United States, and it has also made it more difficult for undocumented immigrants to stay in the United States. The Trump administration has also cracked down on the Catholic Worker Movement, and it has threatened to prosecute the movement's members for providing sanctuary to undocumented immigrants.

Despite the challenges, the Catholic Worker Movement continues to work with immigrants and refugees. The movement believes that it is morally obligated to serve the poor and homeless, and the movement is committed to providing hospitality to immigrants and refugees, regardless of their legal status.

### The Impact of the Catholic Worker Movement on the Lives of Immigrants

The Catholic Worker Movement has had a profound impact on the lives of immigrants. The movement has provided food, shelter, clothing, and legal representation to immigrants. The movement has also lobbied for humane immigration and asylum policies. The movement has helped to make the United States a more welcoming place for immigrants.

The Catholic Worker Movement has also helped to change the way that Americans think about immigration. The movement has helped to educate Americans about the plight of immigrants, and the movement has helped to dispel the myths and stereotypes about immigrants.

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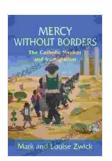
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#### **Call to Action**

If you are interested in learning more about the Catholic Worker Movement, please visit the movement's website at www.catholicworker.org.

If you are interested in supporting the Catholic Worker Movement, please consider making a donation to the movement at www.catholicworker.org/donate.

Thank you for your interest in the Catholic Worker Movement!

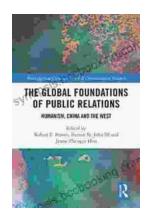


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